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WUSF Public Media Broadcasts *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee*, March 28

The film will air on other Florida public broadcasting stations in April and throughout the nation this summer

TAMPA, Fla. (March 26, 2013) – With more than 600 people attending the premiere screening of the documentary film *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee* at the Tampa Bay History Center earlier this month, WUSF Public Media is set to broadcast the film on television. The documentary will premiere on WUSF TV on March 28, 2013 at 8 p.m. Produced by award-winning filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus, the program is presented by WUSF Public Media and underwritten by The Mosaic Company.

“We are excited to premiere the documentary. It highlights the unique natural aspects and beauty of Florida,” said JoAnn Urofsky, general manager of WUSF Public Media. “We want to thank everyone involved for making this project a reality.”

The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition was a 100-day, 1,000-mile journey from the Everglades National Park to Okefenokee National Forest in southern Georgia. In January 2012, team members of the trek – including bear biologist Joe Guthrie, conservationist Mallory Lykes Dimmitt, conservation photographer Carlton Ward Jr., and filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus -- traversed the wildlife habitats, watersheds and participating working farms and ranches that comprise the Florida Wildlife Corridor opportunity area. The purpose of the project is to protect and restore connected landscapes throughout the Florida Peninsula to create a viable wildlife corridor from the Everglades to Georgia.

“We are looking forward to the premiere of the documentary on WUSF, as are many of our more than 3,000 employees who followed the WUSF dispatches from the Expedition team while it was underway this time last year,” said Bo Davis, senior vice president, phosphate operations for Mosaic. “As sponsor of the documentary, Mosaic is proud to partner in sharing this inspirational story and vision for economic and environmental sustainability in Florida.”

The film will rebroadcast on WUSF TV throughout the month of April and will be distributed nationally to public television stations this summer. Check local listings for broadcast dates and times.

In addition to the documentary, *Florida Wildlife Expedition: The Photographs of Carlton Ward Jr.*, is on exhibit at the Tampa Bay History Center through May 5. The exhibit takes visitors on a virtual expedition of the ambitious 100-day trek from the Everglades to the Okefenokee and features a collection of large-format images taken by Ward, along with maps, video footage, audio clips, news reports, and equipment used by the team members during the expedition. The exhibit is sponsored by The Mosaic Company, The Kimmins Family Foundation, WUSF Public Media, and the *Tampa Bay Times*. Ward's new book, *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee*, is available for purchase at the Tampa Bay History Center.

About WUSF Public Media

WUSF Public Media is a comprehensive media organization that provides media services to the community and businesses through public broadcasting and multi-media production services. Licensed to the University of South Florida, WUSF Public Media serves the public interest through programming, educational outreach and community partnerships. For more information, visit www.wusf.org.

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